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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM NHA TRANG 183 SENT ACTION AMEMBASSY SAIGON
MARCH 18 BEING REPEATED TO YOU, QUOTE:

S E C R E T NHA TRANG 0183

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS PINT MILI VS
SUBJECT: MR-II SITREP

AT 181030 - 1100H MARCH 1975, AERIAL OBSERVATION OF THE HIGHLANDS
EVACUATION/WITHDRAWAL ROUTE ALONG RT 7-B FROM CHEO REO (C) HAU
BON), (BQ 2582), SOUTH TO APPROXIMATELY BQ 5160 REVEALED THE
FOLLOWING SITUATION:

1. TWO CENTER-CITY BLOCKS
REDUCED TO RUBBLE AND SMOULDERING.
2. MILITARY TRAFFIC SOUTHBOUND WAS STOPPED BUMPER-TO-BUMPER
ON RT 7-B THROUGH THE CITY FROM ITS NORTHERN-LIMIT TO THE
SONG BA (RIVER) CROSSING TWO KM SOUTH OF THE CITY.
ARMOR AND OTHER TRACKED VEHICLES WERE IN EVIDENCE ON 7-B;
12-15 TANKS PLUS POSSIBLY THREE 175 MMSP WERE RANDOMLY
SITTING AT THE WEST END OF THE AIRSTRIP, AS WERE 75-100

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CIVILIAN VEHICLES.

3. NO TRAFFIC WAS OBSERVED ON RT 7-B NORTH OF CITY.

4. NUMEROUS VEHICLES TOWING 105MM HOW WERE OBSERVED,
HOWEVER, AN ACCURATE COUNT WAS PRECLUDED BY THE
MANEUVERING OF THE AIRCRAFT.

5. AT THE BAU AI NU RIVER CROSSING SITE (BQ 4072), A 100-
150 VEHICLE CONVOY OF MIXED MILITARY/CIVILIAN VEHICLES
WAS OBSERVED STARTING TO MOVE - ALSO BUMPER TO BUMPER;
THREE TO FIVE KM SOUTH OF THIS POINT (VIC BQ 4565) ANOTHER
CIV/MIL CONVOY APPROXIMATELY 1/2 MI IN LENGTH WAS OBSERVED
AS IT COMMENCED SOUTHWARD MOVEMENT.

6. NO WALKING TRAFFIC WAS OBSERVED EITHER ON RT 7-B OR IN/
ABOUT CHEO REO OR OTHER VILLAGES OVERFLOWN.

7. IF NOT IN PLACE ALREADY, A SECOND BATTALION OF THE 40TH
REGT, 22ND ARVN DIV IS EXPECTED MOMENTARILY AT KHANH DUONG.

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